

repeatedly bends the flexible area fa of the flexible display 100, the display medium 140 in the flexible area fa which is exerted by an external force would be blocked by the supporting structures 130 and would not be able to flow to the two non-flexible areas fn. Thus, the display medium 140 in the flexible area fa still remains in the flexible area fa, and the display medium 140 in the non-flexible areas fn still remains in the non-flexible areas fn, so that the flexible display 100 possesses stable display quality.

In the present embodiment of the invention, the flexible display 100 further includes a number of sub-supporting structures 150 disposed in the flexible area fa and used for abutting the first module 110 and the second module 120. The supporting structures 130 and the sub-supporting structures 150 can be formed on the first module 110 or the second module 120 by way of printing, transferring, lithography or spraying. Moreover, the supporting structures 130 and the sub-supporting structures 150 can further be adhered to the first module 110 and the second module 120, so that the structure of the flexible area fa is more stable and the display quality of the flexible display 100 can be more stably maintained. For example, after the first module 110, the second module 120, the supporting structures 130 and the sub-supporting structures 150 are assembled together, the assembly is baked, and is further radiated by a UV light, so that the supporting structures 130 and the sub-supporting structures 150 can be adhered to the first module 110 and the second module 120. In the present embodiment of the invention, the height of each supporting structure 130 and that of each sub-supporting structure 150 are substantially equal to the gap between the first module 110 and the second module 120. Thus, besides the supporting structures 130, the sub-supporting structures 150 also provide supporting function in the flexible area fa.

In an exemplification of the present embodiment of the invention, the first module 110 includes a number of data lines 110d and a number of scan lines 110s. The data lines 110d and the scan lines 110s are interlaced with each other to form a number of pixel areas. The positions of two supporting structures 130 correspond to that of two of the data lines 110d and extend along two of the data lines 110d. Further, the position of each sub-supporting structures 150 is disposed correspondingly to that of any of the data lines 110d or any of the scan lines 110s. In an exemplification of the present embodiment of the invention, a supporting structure 130, a number of sub-supporting structures 150 and another supporting structure 130 are sequentially disposed correspondingly to the positions of adjacent data lines 110d, and the supporting structures 130 and the sub-supporting structures 150 all extend along the Y-axis direction. Thus, none of the supporting structures 130 and the sub-supporting structures 150 is disposed in the pixel areas lest the supporting structures 130 and the sub-supporting structures 150 might affect the aperture ratio of the flexible display 100 when providing support. Alternatively, when the aperture ratio of the flexible display 100 is not a matter of concern, the supporting structures 130 and the sub-supporting structures 150 could be disposed in the pixel areas.

Alternatively, each sub-supporting structure 150 could be disposed without corresponding to the adjacent data line 110d as illustrated in FIG. 2A-FIG. 2C. Referring to FIG. 2A-FIG. 2C, top views of other flexible displays according to a first embodiment of the invention are respectively shown. In comparison to the sub-supporting structures 150 of FIG. 1A, the sub-supporting structures 151 of FIG. 2A extend along the X-axis direction and correspond to a number of scan lines 110s. As the sub-supporting structures 150 depicted in FIG.

1A, a number of sub-supporting structures 152 of FIG. 2B also extend along the Y-axis direction and correspond to a number of data lines 110d. Two ends of the adjacent sub-supporting structures 152 of FIG. 2B are not aligned with each other for enhancing the effect of blocking the display medium around the edges of the flexible display. Thus, the possibility of free-flow display medium is greatly decreased. Similar to the sub-supporting structures 151 of FIG. 2A, a number of sub-supporting structures 153 of FIG. 2C also extend along the X-axis direction and correspond to a number of scan lines 110s. Two ends of the adjacent sub-supporting structures 153 of FIG. 2C are not aligned with each other for enhancing the effect of blocking the display medium at the location near the supporting structures 130. Thus, the possibility of free-flow display medium is greatly decreased.

As indicated in FIG. 1A and FIG. 2A-FIG. 2C, the cross-section of the sub-supporting structure is a rectangle; however, could be other shapes such as a trapezoid or others. In the present embodiment, the sub-supporting structures disposed on the XY plane are depicted as the shape of strips, as indicated in FIG. 1A and FIG. 2A-FIG. 2C. However, anyone who is skilled in the art would understand that the sub-supporting structures disposed on the XY plane can also be in the shape of grids or crosses, which are capable to provide the support function and block the movement of the display medium simultaneously.

Second Embodiment

Referring to FIG. 3A, a cross-sectional view of a flexible display according to the second embodiment of the invention is shown. In comparison to the first embodiment, each sub-supporting structure 250 of the flexible display 200 of the present embodiment of the invention includes a first structure 251 and a second structure 252.

In an exemplification of the present embodiment, the first structure 251 is disposed in the first module 110 and located between the first module 110 and the second module 120; the second structure 252 is disposed in the second module 120 and located between the first module 110 and the second module 120. The first structure 251 has a notch 251r in which the second structure 252 is embedded. To put it in greater details, the second structure 252 and the bottom surface 251rs of the notch 251r are separated by a gap. Referring to FIG. 3B, a cross-sectional view of another flexible display according to the second embodiment of the invention is shown. The flexible display 200' of FIG. 3B is different from the flexible display 200 of FIG. 3A in that the second structure 252' of the sub-supporting structure 250' of the flexible display 200' of FIG. 3B abuts the bottom surface 251rs' of the notch 251r' of the first structure 251'.

According to the disposition indicated in either FIG. 3A or FIG. 3B, even when the flexible area fa is repeatedly bended by a user and makes the second structure 252 or 252' become slightly bended, the second structure 252 is still embedded in the notch 251r and will not come off the notch 251r easily, and so is the second structure 252' still embedded in the notch 251r' and will not come off the notch 251r' easily either. Thus, the display medium 140 is blocked by the sub-supporting structure 250 or 250', and the possibility of free-flow display medium is greatly decreased, so that the display quality of the flexible display 200 or 200' can be maintained. Also, an adhesive layer (not illustrated) could be disposed between the first structure 251 or 251' and the second structure 252 or 252', and the first structure and the second structure are adhered to each other to enhance the structural strength of the sub-supporting structure.